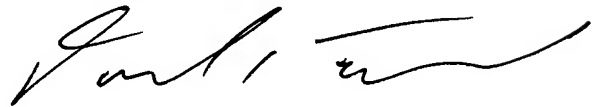


REMARKS

Claims 10, 11 and 28 to 30 have been cancelled herein, to obviate the rejections thereof. This amendment is deemed not to add new matter. Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12-16, 18-24, 27 and 31-45 remain in the application, all of said remaining claims having been
5 allowed in the instant Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the
10 number listed below to resolve any problems.

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